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**Best Practices – Sustainable ENERGY**

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**Promoting Energy Efficiency on the demand side**

**Federal Energy Saving Company (Fedesco) : Energy savings in public  
buildings**

<b>Responsible Department of the government</b>	Secretary of State for Sustainable Development – Ministry of Environment
<b>Partners involved</b>	Companies or public institutions
<b>Characteristics that make the initiative a best practice</b>	Fedesco is a public company, created to promote and realise energy savings in the Belgian economy. This institution will apply the system of third party financing and its activities will in the first place be focussed on energy savings in public buildings. Fedesco finances the transformations to implement to the client's building in order to realise the energy savings. The cost of this investment is reimbursed to FEDESCO thanks to the cheaper energy invoices. In other words, the reimbursement depends on the real energy savings and finishes when all costs have been reimbursed. From this moment, all energy savings go directly to the client.

<b>Positive results</b>	This system integrates three pillars of an adequate policy of sustainable development policy : 1/the ecological pillar : to realise energy savings means less emissions, which permits to come closer to the Kyoto norm ; 2/ the energy invoice of the public authorities decreases drastically and the economy is less dependent on fossil fuels ; 3/ social advantage : the implementation of energy saving measures gives a new impulse to the construction sector, creating new jobs. Fedesco will start its energy-audits in autumn 2005.
<b>Linkage with national development policies</b>	None
<b>Financial Viability</b>	Initial Capital : 1.5 million Euro
<b>Lessons learnt</b>	To be completed when first results are available.
<b>Replication</b>	Netherlands – Ministry of Economy